

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 18, 2007.

NOTICE—CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM28

On October 21, 1995, by Executive Order 12978, the President declared a national emergency pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia, and the extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm such actions cause in the United States and abroad.

The order blocks all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or within the possession or control of United States persons, of foreign persons listed in an annex to the order, as well as of foreign persons determined to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia. The order similarly blocks all property and interests in property of foreign persons determined to materially assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to the order. In addition, the order blocks all property and interests in property of persons determined to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated in or pursuant to the order.

The order also prohibits any transaction or dealing by United States persons or within the United States in property or interests in property of the persons designated in or pursuant to the order.

Because the actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States

and abroad, the national emergency declared on October 21, 1995, and the measures adopted pursuant thereto to deal with that emergency, must continue in effect beyond October 21, 2007. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia. This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 18, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007.

The message further announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 976) entitled “An Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes”, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill did not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 225. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

S. 2179. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 2180. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 2184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days.

S. 2185. A bill to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2198. A bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates.

S. 2205. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2191. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2192. A bill to establish a user fee for follow-up reinspections under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2193. A bill to provide for a 5-year SCHIP reauthorization for coverage of low-income children, an expansion of child health care insurance coverage through tax fairness, and a health care Federalism initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2194. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership between the Department of Education and the National Park Service to provide educational opportunities for students and teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2195. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules

for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2196. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2197. A bill to establish the Federal Labor-Management Partnership Council; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2198. A bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates; read the first time.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2199. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain foreign nonqualified deferred compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2200. A bill to authorize the use of Federal funds for flexible financing of Indian tribal municipal, rural, and industrial water system construction projects by certain federally recognized Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2201. A bill to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds for mortgage delinquency relief; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)):

S. 2202. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the renewable content of gasoline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2203. A bill to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2204. A bill to assist wildlife populations and wildlife habitats in adapting to and surviving the effects of global warming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2205. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2206. A bill to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 351. A resolution designating the week beginning October 21, 2007, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 352. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 353. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a sovereign, democratic, and prosperous Lebanon and the need for free and fair presidential elections in Lebanon without intimidation or foreign interference; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. Con. Res. 50. A concurrent resolution commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Con. Res. 51. A concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool!", a national celebration of after school programs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 407

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate a portion of Interstate Route 14 as a high priority corridor, and for other purposes.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 515, a bill to provide a mechanism for the determination on the merits of the claims of claimants who met the class criteria in a civil action relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture but who were denied that determination.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.